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53- All letters on business should be addressed to "The Sentinel Office," Wash-

ACTS OF THE LAST CONGRESS. We publish to-day a list of the acts of the last Congress. It will, we doubt not, be acceptable to our readers. In glancing over it, we have been impressed with a most favorable opinion of the industry of the thirty-third Congress. Nor do the acts and measures really adopted, afford the proper measure by which to ascertain the industry of a legislative body. It oftentimes happens that more time is spent in, and more good done by, the rejection, than the adoption of measures, the defeat, than the enactment of laws. Propositions that are ultimately defeated, are frequently the propositions that challenge the largest share of attention, and consume the greatest amount of

One great measure that stands out in hold relief on the, now, historical record of the last Congress is the Nebraska Kansas bill. Months were spent, and not unprofitably spent, in its discussion. It is well that, every now and then, some great motion shall arise in our legislative assemblage that demands a recurrence to first principles—to the elements of politics, otherwise we would lose sight of the teachings of our fathers. Again it is well that when one generation has done a great wrong, either under pressure, from fraud, or from choice, that the succeeding generation should revise and correct the record-should blot out the wrong and give an honest judgment. Such was the case in respect of the Nebraska bill.

We know that its opponents have pronounced it a foul wrong, and a "great iniquity." We know that many faint-hearted and scary politicians, who in the end, went for it, have declared that its introduction was unfortunate. They say that it revivified abolition-vitalized faction, and banded together all the unsound parties and isms of the North.

For our part, we believe that it repaired a great wrong, corrected a great error, and re-instated the present generation in the enjoyment of rights, constitutional rights, which the preceding generation deprived them of

But without further comments, we invite attention to the list of acts of the last Con-

## CHAPLAINS TO CONGRESS-A GREAT

Now that Congress has adjourned, and new officers will have to be elected when the thirtyfourth Congress assembles: now that we will be relieved from all suspicions of personal spite against, or even the slightest personal objection to, the late respected chaplains of the two Houses, we feel at liberty to offer some remarks on the general subject of the election of chaplains to Congress.

It will no do ubt shock many godly people they will think it heathenish; it will, no doubt, shock the clergy of the country; but most of all, it will shock the aspirants to those officeswhen we say, and say distinctly, that we are altogether opposed to having chaplains for the two branches of our national legislature. We hope that the last of them have been elected

It is on account both of the Church and the State that we say so-more on account of the former than the latter. We want it kept pure, but pure it cannot be kept, so long as it is allied with politics.

If we understand the Chaplain theory it is this-that Congress is a wicked body and needs praying for; or, if not a particularly wicked body, if a virtuous body, a pious and a patriotic body, it is meet, right, and our bounden duty to hire, or salary, a minister of the Gospel to invoke on its deliberations the blessings of Heaven.

The prayer book of the Episcopal Church contains a prayer for the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States, and "all others in authority." This prayer is offered up every Sunday, by every Episcopal minister in the thirty-one States of this Union. The ministers of those religious denominations that use no forms of prayer, also remember in their spontaneous and extempore prayers to Heaven, the same high officers of the Government. These prayers are not paid for in money by the General Government. The go up spontaneously from every pious heart throughout the vast extent of our territory. This is the real, actual, definition of prayer, in that beautiful hymn, which says-

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, Uttered or unexpressed; The motion of a hidden fire. That trembles in the breast.

But the elected Chaplain to Congress is (no doubt pious) stipendiary. He is paid so much in gold for offering up prayers to heaven in behalf of the two Houses of Congress. We do not believe any more in the efficacy of such prayers, than we believe in the efficacy of prayers to heaven (paid for by suffering farmers) for rain, during a drought.

Moreover it is pretty well understood, that these paid for prayers are to be made brief, cut off short, in order to avoid boring Congress. They are not listened to. Short as they are (and we are sorry to have to say it) they are bores. There is a want of faith in their efficacy. Every body is glad when they are over. It is

But the main considerations that impel us to oppose the appointment of Chaplains to the bragging manifestoes of the Know-nothings

the ambition to get the Chaplainey, they, many times, insensibly to themselves, become politicians. They become electionecrers. They want the office, and, as practical men, they adopt the means to secure it. It is needless to tell any man who has lived in Washington, what sible Council, controlled by the North. brother ministers. It is not often that these means are boldly and unblushingly resorted to spirators against popular rights."

by the clerical aspirants themselves. But their suggestions are made to friends and those friends do the disagreeable and unseemly work Now what is it that these clergymen want? It is simply the pay from the Government and the distinction of being Chaplains to Congress. If they only wanted to pray for Congress they would do so privately and without pay.

In our humble opinion-perhaps we may express it in language too gross-this whole system is a humbug; it is more than a humbug;

it is corrupt and corrupting. We will go further. We believe that the only consideration that induces the two Houses of Congress to elect Chaplains is the fear that their constituents will think them wanting in respect for religion. We will frankly tell such members that they would better manifest their respect for religion by not having, than by having Chaplains. If we were infidels, and desired to bring religion into disrepute, we would be in favor of electing Chaplains to Con-

We do not believe in that sanctimonious air and those formal prayers that are paid for, in gold, by the Government. Here we except Chaplains to the Navy, and the reasons for the exception are so manifest that it is needless to state them.

We will conclude by expressing the hope that no more Chaplains to Congress will be elected. If they should be elected, and they should belong to that saintly band-the three thousand and sixty-five anti Nebraska parsons then, perhaps, such an election would be more potent against the system than any argument that we can offer. In a word, we would not have religion, and the ministers of religion, infected with the taint of politics. We reverence both too highly.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence lately passe between the various Washington correspon. dents and reporters for the distant press, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, March 3, 1855. Dear Sir: We, the undersigned, Correspondents and Reporters for the distant Press, can not allow the present Congress to expire with out tendering to you our respectful acknowl edgments for the liberal, impartial, and uniformly polite manner by which your official and private intercourse with the press has been signalized during the terms of your Speaker-

While we wish you happiness and success in all your private undertakings, we sincerely cherish the hope (without partisanship or political bias) that you may continue in public life, where the sterling qualities of your character have secured you such universal respect and

We have the honor to remain, Very respectfulty, yours, E. Kingman, N. Y. Journal of Commerce. Edw'd Harte, N. Y. Courier and Enquirer. Jas. W. Simonton, New York Daily Times. Ethan Allen, New York Herald. Wm. S. Thayer, New York Evening Post. Jas. W. McRea, New York Tribune. Alex. H. Evans, New York Herald. L. A. Gobright, for the Associated Press. Francis J. Grund, Phil. Ledger and Balt. Sur W. H. Topping, Phil. Nat. Argus. Thos. C. Connolly, Pennsylvania Inquirer. Charles Carrigan, Penn.

E. H. Thompson, Michigan. E. Harriman, Baltimore. W. B. Shaw, Montrose Democrat. Hon. Linx Boyn, Speaker of the House of Representatives HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 4, 1855

disposal to thank you for your polite favor of yesterday.

To afford you every proper facility for disseminating useful intelligence among the people was my duty as an officer; to be frank and

GENTLEMEN: I seize the earliest moment a

courteous in my private intercourse was my duty as a man. That in these relations I should be so for tunate as to have become the recipient of so flattering a manifestation of respect and kindness from the representatives of so large a por tion of the leading journals of the country,

fering so widely in their political complexion, s no small compliment.

That your success in life may be commen surate with your well-known abilities in your profession is the sincere wish of your friend

and obedient servant, LINN BOYD. E. KINGMAN, and others.

NOVEL MODE OF APPOINTING A CADET.

The New York Herald thus speaks of a new the Military Academy: "By a law of Congress other damage. each member of that body has the right, in rotation, to nominate whom he chooses to fill a vacancy, when it occurs, in the Military Academy at West Point. The Hon, Hiram Walof complying with the requisitions of the law. Instead of conferring the appointment on one of his friends or partisans, as is usually done, than five thousand persons. he displayed a magnanimity beyond all previous precedent, and gave it to that student in the New York Free Academy whom his fellowstudents might select. The students choose Walter McFarland, of the freshman classa youth who has maintained a high rank as a scholar, though he has been obliged to give private instruction to support himself and his

ment has been confirmed." DEMOCRATIC PROSPECTS IN VIR-GINIA.

recommendation of Mr. Walbridge the appoint-

The Richmond Enquirer of the 5th, has the following cheering remarks on the prospects of the Democratic party in the approaching Virginia election.

" Every mail brings us the most cheering in telligence of the healthy condition of the De-mocracy in all portions of the State. We have before us letters from intelligent citizens of Rockingham and Halifax-strong-holds of De-Every body is glad when they are over. It is a business that has to be done by the minister and the sooner it is over, the more agreeable it is to all parties.

But the main considerations that impel us

Rockingham and Hallax—strong-noids of Democracy—which state that our party was never more thoroughly aroused than they have been by the sneaking, hypocritical and monstrous movements of the under-ground party, and that our friends will do their whole duty. The are estimated at their real worth, and the re Ministers, however good and pious, are but tyrannous character of the Proscriptive and tyrannous character of the Secret Organization, are having a powerful effect every where. Good men and conservatives of all parties, are rapidly coming to the conclusion that our institu ns are in imminent danger, if the midnight plotters, who are avowedly in such intimate association with our worst enemies at the North, should succeed in placing the destinies of the State under the control of a secret and irresponthese means are. Too often also, they lead to eyes of conservatives of all parties, at the South, the stifling of honest and pious sentiments, to have servility and—also, that it should be true of ministers—disparagement of their competing that ever stained the annals of Virginia, is

#### FURTHER CALIFORNIA NEWS.

The California papers of the 9th ultimo and etters from the Isthmus, by the Star of the West, came to hand last night, and contain ne additional matters of interest.

Another Outrage at Greytown Mr. Fabens, the United States Consul at San Juan (Greytown;) arived in the Star of West, with important dispatches for our Government, relating, it is supposed, to an outrage which is thus detailed by a correspondent of the New York Times:

"San Juan, February 22, 1855.

"Another high-handed outrage was committed upon American citizens by the natives of this place. On Sunday last Capt. De Brissot, an American gentleman, started in a boat, with seven others, to go into Costa Rica. One of the beauty was considered. of the party—the pilot of the boat, who was on his way to join Captain De Brissot—was as-saulted and severely cut on the head with a matchette, and would have been murdered had he not made good his escape into the woods. About an hour after Captain De Brissot left this place, three canoes, with some forty armed men, left and went in pursuit of him, with the

his party.
"The whole town was in a great state of excitement; the 'cry' was death to Americans, and it was not safe for an American to be seen out of doors. Such was the state of the excite ment, and the eminent danger in which Captain De Brissot and his party was in, that Captain C. C. Hornsby, late of the United States army, and Mr. Charles Thomas, of Grenada, called upon Mr. J. H. Wheeler, the United States Minister, who is living at the consulate, with Mr. J. W. Fabens, our consul at this place, and stated the facts to him, that those men's lives were in jeopardy, and asked for his

them from a most horrid death. "While Colonel Wheeler and Mr. Fabens. our consul, who has always been prompt and efficient in aiding his fellow countrymen who are in distress, were preparing to go to the rescue, Captain De Brissot arrived and put himself under their protection, and is now living at the consulate, he and his party having made a very narrow escape from the despera

"Such is the state of affairs here that the lives and property of American citizens are not safe from one hour to another. Mr. Alexander Wood, a merchant in this place, has sworn that he does not, under the existing state of affairs, consider his life and property safe from murder and plunder.

"There are now in this place some sixty or a hundred destitute Jamaica negroes without work or means, and it is rumored that they intend soon making an attack on the specie boat as it is coming down the river, and plun-dering it. It is rumored that in less than a week the consulate would be burned to the ground. At the consulate they have been obliged to keep guard every night, fearing an at-

From Utah. We have news from Salt Lake to the 4th of January. The news of Brigham Young being superseded in the governorship by Colonel Steptoe had not reached Salt Lake.

The Legislature was organized on the 11th of December. Leber C. Kimball was elected President of the council, and Jedediah M. Grant speaker of the house. The message of the Governor is well written and commendably brief. A considerable portion of the message is devoted to Indian affairs, and the policy of pacific means towards them strongly advocated as is also a system of general education. Brigham Young thus alludes in his message

to the presence of a United States military

"A corps of the United States troops, under the command of Colonel Steptoe, on their way to California, are also sojourning with us du-ring the winter. From the courteous and gen-tlemanly bearing of the officers, and the control which they appear to exercise over their men, I feel gratified in the belief that if their services were wanting in protecting the settlements from Indian aggressions, or otherwise, would be cheerfully extended."
Lieutenant Colonel Steptoe has advertised

for proposals for the construction of a military road through the eastern boundary of Califo nia, in the direction of the Cajon Pass. The Christmas holidays were kept up with

great spirit- Balls, parties, and festivity of every kind was the order of the day. On New Year's day the governor and legis-lative assembly of Utah Territory, gave a new year's festival, in compliment to Judge Kin ney, his associates, other United States officers of the Territory, and Lieutenant Colonel Step-

toe, with the officers in his command. The Deseret theatre was opened on the 22d December, with "All is not gold that glitters." Governor Young, the Quorum of the Twelve, the heads of the departments, &c., being pre-

A great snow storm occurred on new year's and excellent mode of appointing a cadet for day, tearing up the salt works, and doing some

From the Sandwich Islands. We have files of the Polynesian to January

The funeral of the late king took place on demy at West Point. The Hon. Hiram Wal-bridge lately exercised this right, and it seems that he has adopted a novel and popular method of complying with the requisitions of the law. far the most imposing ever witnessed in the Islands, and could not have contained less

> On the 11th the new king made his first appearance, and attended a council to hear the reading of the will of the late king. The king addressed his native subjects and

also the foreigners. From the speech to the latter we extract the following: "I therefore say to the foreigner that he is welcome. He is welcome to our shores-wel come so long as he comes with the laudible motive of promoting his own interests, and at the same time respecting those of his neighbor. But if he comes here with no more exalted widowed mother. We understand that on the motive than that of building up his own interests at the expense of the native-to seek our confidence only to betray it-with no higher ambition than that of overthrowing our gov ernment, and introducing anarchy, confusion

#### and blooodshed-then he is most unwelcome. Chinese Secret Societies.

Eleven Chinamen had been arrested at San Francisco, charged with extorting money from their countrymen. Mr. Carvalho, the inter-preter, testified that there were about eight hundred members in that city; that their avowed object was to assist in the overthrow of the Man-Chow dynasty, or present Chinese government; that each member had taken a oody oath to carry out the design, even at the cost of their lives; and for its support were levying contributions upon the weak and igno-rant, enforcing their demands with threats of instant death in case of non-compliance. Mr remarked that the numerous murders o charged to one or the other of their secret so-cieties. It is estimated that the annual revenue of the Hung-Shum-Thong Company, de rived by forced contributions in Cali amounts to upwards of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. There are between three and four thousand members of the order in

SENATOR BADGER, N. C .- It is stated that the United States Senate, on Saturday night, in executive session, unanimously adopted a resolution expressive of the deep regret of the body at he retirement of this distinguished Senator, whose term has expired.

[Baltimore Sun. Supreme Court of the United States.

Tuesday, March 6, 1855. Hon. Nathaniel P. Banks, jr., of Massachusetts; Hon. David A. Noble, of Michigan; and Charles James, esq., of Wisconsin; were admitted attorneys and counsellors of this

No. 3. Original docket.—The State of Plan ida, complainant, vs. State of Georgia.—On motion of Mr. Attorney General Cushing to intervene on behalf of the United States. Mr. Chief Justice Taney delivered the opinion of the court, granting leave to the Attorney Gen-eral to adduce evidence either written or parol, and to examine witnesses and file their deposi-tions in order to establish the boundary claimed

by the United States.

No. 73. Mary Lewis, administratrix of S. J.
Lewis, deceased, vs. Edward R. Bell, assignee
of J. Bell, jr.—Appeal from the circuit court
of the United States for the District of Columbia. Mr. Justice Grier delivered the opinion of this court, affirming the decree of the said circuit court in this cause, with costs.

No. 86. John C. Hays, plaintiff in error, es. the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.—The argument of this cause was concluded by Hon.

H. May, for the plaintiff in error. No. 88. William D. Price, et al., plaintiff in error, vs. The Farmers' Bank of Virginia, et al. -This cause was submitted to the considera-tion of the court on the record and printed arguments by Mr. Stanberry, for the plaintiffs in error, and by the Hon. J. Letcher, for the deendants in error.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 11 o'clodk.

HEALTH OF JUDGE MASON .- The New York Commercial says:

"A report was circulated shortly after his udden attack, that his mind had been some what impaired. This, we are informed on good authority, was an error. Mr. Mason was severely afflicted, but his mind was in no degree affected. During his illness, the Emperor and all the Imperial family manifested much interest in his welfare, and at the last diplomatic gathering at the Tuilleries the family of Mr. Masou were present, and were warmly congra-tulated on the Minister's recovery."

AN INCIDENT .- Two colored men, the pro perty of gentlemen of this city, accompanied the Richmond L. I. Blues, on their late visit to Philadephia, and returned with the company, declaring that they had "seen sights" during their stay in that great city, but nothing to create any desire to abandon their homes in Old Virginia. They had ample opportunities, we learn, to escape, but it is believed no persuasion or bribe could have induced them to desert their friends who took them there. On the contrary, it is thought they would have stood by the Virginia colors to the last extremity .- Rich. Enquirer.

John A. Parker, esq., late librarian of the Honse of Representatives, has been appointed register of the Land Office in Nebraska.

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TMOSPHERIC TELEGRAPH !!- I.S. A Richardson will lecture and exhibita splen-did working model of this important invention, at Carusi's Saloon, to-night (Wednesday) at 8 o'clock.

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Congressional Oratorical Sport .- Ear'y Sunday morning the House of Representatives, finding itself without a quorum, ordered a call, to doors were closed, while the Sergeant-at-arms was darting, half asleep, into hotels and boarding-houses, for the purpose of informing snoozing bsentees that their presence at the Hall was demanded. There was no quorum, and, of course, no proposition could be legitimately entertained by the House; but, to relieve the tedium, the ocsupant of the chair (Mr. Hibbard) permitted the members to indulge in a little sport, of which the following will serve as an example, written from our rough notes, taken at the time, to serve, in the absence of matters of more interest, for a future

Mr. Breckinridge reminded the members that three hours had elaps-d since the main question was ordered on the Know-nothing bill—namely to prevent the importation of foreign criminals, paupers, the blind, and the insane.

Mr. Letcher, (loudly.) Would it not be in order to have a general debate on it now? (Laughter, so loud as to wake from their naps several gentlemen asleep with their heads resting on their desks.)

lesks.)
The Chair (arousing himself from the doze into

which he had fallen.) I think not.

Mr. Mike Walsh, (standing in the area front
ing the Clerk's desk.) I want to know, sir, whether

ing the Clerk's desk.) I want to know, sir, whether it would be in order to have whisky punches brought in? [Laughter.]

The Chair, (seriously.) I have no more discretion over the subject than the gentleman.

Mr. Fuller. I have, with much labor, prepared a speech on the navigation laws, which I ask leave to have printed. [A Voice: "There are several fellows "half seas over." Ha! ha!]

Mr. Wentworth, of Illinois. Read your speech. It it's good, I'il agree; if not, I won't.

Mr. Fuller. If you can't take it on trust, I don't care.

care.

Mr. Wentworth. Well, I'll take it on trust. I don't object. [A Voice: "Print your speech, Ful-Mr. Chandler. We've got the door tiled, sin and therefore can't get refreshments.

Mr. Pratt. I want to know whether it would be in order to direct theservants to bring in break-

A Voice: "Send Pratt a buiscuit." Ha! ha! Mr. Pratt. I'm hungry. [Many voices, in succession: "So am I."]

Mr. Florence. (laboring under severe hoarseness.) Have gentlemen forgotten that this is the sabbath day? [A Voice: "Let's have a sermon, clonel."] Colonel."] Cries of "Order, order."

Mr. Florence, (elevating his voice) It is said the good Book that for every idle word mer peak they will have to give an account in the day of judgment.

Mr. Wentworth, of Illinois. That's a poor quo-

Mr. Florence. But the sentiment's true. Mr. Wentworth. Would it bein order to move that General Sam Houston be elected President of the United States? (Cries of "Order," and "good," "good.") If so, I make the motion. (Merrimer) iment.)
Mr. Washburn, of Maine, (laughingly.)

nove to lay that motion on the table.

Mr. Benson. I call for the yeas and nays.

Mr. Knox. I move to take up "the aged widow's appeal."

The Chair said no notice could, at that time, b

The Chair said no notice could, at that time, be taken of any such proposition.

[The "aged widows" appeal" was to the members to pass Senate bill 444, lying on the Speaker's table, for the relief of Nancy D. Holkar, for flour and provisions 'urnished the United States during the Revolutionary war, by her husband, the Hon. John Holkar. "She is now," the handbill stated, "over ninety years of age, and if the debt, which stands mon the treasury books, is ever to be naid. stands upon the treasury books, is ever to be paid, it should be now. Will not the House take it up mr. Smith, of Tennessee, moved that the House

adjourn to the room of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, (where, it was understood efreshments had been prepared.) Mr. Breckinridge said that, sometime ago, the gentleman from Virginia, (Mr. Letcher,) who was

such a "strict constructionist" that he would not vote for anything that was not perpendicular, laughter, got an increase of pension for one of his constituents who had his arm shot off at the elbow, in the military service of the United States If that was in order, he wished to know whether he could not procure an increase of pension for a boy of his (Mr. Breckinridge's) district, who had his arm shot off at the shoulder joint, in the battle of Buena Vista, and is incapable of supporting himself. (Laughter) We might as well employ our time in this way, as in any other. A Voice: "I prefer the other." Ha! ha!

Mr. Knox. I rise to a question of c moved a consideration of the "aged widow's ap-Mr. Wentworth, of Illinois. Is she Breckinridge's boy's mother?
Mr. Letcher, in reply to Mr. Breckinridge, and

in a similar vein of good humor, remerked he had never introduced a bad bill, and when he moved a good one, it was sure to go through, as the Hon-e had so much confidence in his judgment and integrity.

Mr. Breckinridge. If it was meritorious to pro cure the increase of a pension for one of the gen-tleman's constituents, who had his arm shot away

at the elbow, it would certainly be meritorious for me to get an increase of pension for my boy, who had his arm shot from his shoulder. [Mr. Breck inridge, although in sport, spoke as it he were in earnest, and this contributed to the humor of the

Mr. Florence. I will agree to that bill, provided the gentleman will take up the one for the relief of David Mierle, (who has a claim for a hemp contract.) My friend and myself were at daggers' Mr. Breckingidge. (Apparently indignant.) My

one-armed constituent may starve to death before I will consent to td take up that bill. [Renewed laughter.]
Mr. Wentworth, of Illinois. I'll see Sam Hou

ton President before I consent. [Ha! ha!]
The running debate was here interrupted b the announcement that the Sergeant-at-arms had arrived, bringing with him a dozen or more men bers who had described their seats for the purpose of running to their lodgings, and "fixing them-selves for Sunday," to "take a nap," or to obtain "something to eat," as they severally declared when they rendered their excuses.

Respectful Acknowldgements .- We stated in our paper of Sunday, that the reporters and corspondents for the distant press united in a letter to the Hon. Linn Boyd, tendering him their respectful acknowledgments for the liberal, impartial, and uniformly polite manner by which his official and private intercourse with them had been signalized during the terms of his speaker-

Mr. Boyd, in reply, on the fourth of March, says to afford them every proper facility for disseminating useful intelligence among the people was his duty as an officer; to be frank and courteous in his private intercourse with others was his duty as a man. That in those relations he should be so fortunate as to have become the recipient of so flattering a manifestation of respect and Price \$3 50. Sent, postage free, to any part of he United States excepting the Pacific coast. | kindness from the representatives of so large a portion of the leading journals of the country, differing so widely in their political complexion, was no small compliment. He expresses the sincere wish that their success in life may be compensurate with their well-known abilities in their

> Thanks .- On Monday night, the Board of Aldermen unanimously passed a resolution of thanks to the Executive of the United States, to Congress, and the Committee for the District of Columbia in each House, for their friendliness to the interests of this city, and for the liberal and enlightened policy in making appropriations for supplying the city with water, and for other improvements tending to render it worthy of the name it bears; but when the resolution was sent to the Board of Common Council, for its concurrence. one of the leaders of the Know-nothing party (Dr. Busey) attacked it, not being willing to thank the Executive for any thing; so, the last named body patched up a substitute, expressive of thanks " to those persons, in and out of Congress, who have been assiduous in obtaining the liberal appropriations." Generous-hearted men will even thank their enemies for benefits conferred.

Mocal and Dersonal.

Hominy.-William Reading, No. 226 Seventh treet, recently furnis bed us with a sample of hominy made with Hugh. 48's homir ,y and samp mill. As the proof of the hom 'ny, as well as the pudding, is in the eating of it, we can speak from personal experience of the supe nor merits of the food over that prepared in the ordinary manner. Made without weiting, the corn retains its natural sweetness. As the hominy is both palatable and nutritious, it may with equal propriety deck the tables of the rich and the poor, and only need be inroduced into all our stores, where food for the nillion is kept at remunerative prices, to insure its universal use. The cost of the will is small, and its results satisfactory. Hominy is a good substitute for potatoes, and three dollars worth of it will go as far as thrice that amount expended

James Y. Davis was, on Monday night, elected aptain of the Washington Light Infantry, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of E. C. Carrington.

Atmospheric Telegraph.-Mr. I. S. Richardon will exhibit and explain his atmospheric teleraph this evening, at Carusi's Saloon. It would ndeed prove an invaluable auxiliary to the Post Office Department.

Purchase of Stocks.-The Secretary of the Creasury gives notice to the holders of certain Juited States stock, that he will purchase \$1,900,000 of them between now and the first of March next.

BARNUM'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY.—The
Life of P. T. Barnum, written by himself,
For sale at TAYLOR & MAURY'S Booksiore, near 9th st ENERAL Notions of Chemistry, by J.

Teneral Rolling of Chemistry, by S. (In the Chemistry) of the French by Edmund C. Evans, M. D. Pebbles from the Lake Shore, or Miscellaneous Poems, by Charles Leland Porter, A. M. Brushwood picked up on the Continent, or Last Summer's Trip to the Old World, by Orville Horwitz. R. FARNHAM

NORTH AND SOUTH, by the author of "Mary Barton," "The Moorland Cottage," "Crawford," &c. 371 cents.

Kings and Queens, or Life in the Palace, by John S. C. Abbott, new edition, just received and for sale by R. FARNHAM.

FOR RENT, OR SALE—The Modern street, near E. east side. The house is in good repair—dry cellars; and to a good tenant the rent will be low. Possession given November 1st. Apply to

JAS. C. MeGUIRE, Oct 29-tf CROW QUILLS. - Further supply of the

ndles just received at TAYLOR & MAURY'S PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING PAPER FOR THE PUBLIC PRINTING.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC PRINTING, WASHINGTON, January 25, 1855. N Pursuance of the provisions of the act entitled "An act to provide for executing the bublic printing," &c., approved August 26, 1852, ealed proposals will be received at this office, in ne Capitol, until Wednesday, the 28th day of March next, at 12 o'clock, m., for furnishing the following quantities and descriptions of writing paper, to wit:

24 do 22 do 12 do All these papers to be made of the best materials, and finished in the best manner and free from adulteration. A contract will be entered into for supplying the quantities stated, at such times as

kind, should a greater quantity be required, at such times and in such quantities as may be deemed necessary.

Samples of each kind of paper must accompany each bid, and all proposals and samples must be transmitted to this office free of postage or other

Each proposal must be signed by the individual

the public service may require; but the privilege is reserved of ordering a greater quantity of either

or firm making it, and must specify the price per pound and the consequent price per ream (an but one price) of each description of paper. All the paper must be delivered at such place or places as may be designated, in good order, free o ject to the inspection, count, weight, and meas urement of the Superintendent, and be in all re

spects satisfactory,

Black forms for proposals will be furnished as this office to persons applying for them; and none will be taken into consideration unless substanti-

ally agreeing therewith.

Bonds, with approved securities, will be required: and the supplying of an inferior article, or a failure supply the quantity required at any time, wil Each bicder is required to furnish with his pro-posals satisfactory evidence of his ability to execute it, and any proposals unaccompanied with such evidence will be rejected.

Proposals will be addressed to the "Superin-tendent of the Public Printing, Capitol of the Uni-ted States, Washington," and cadorsed, "Propo-sals for Supplying Paper."

A. G. SEAMAN, Superintendent of Public Printing.

FRENCH GENTLEMAN, with a fin-A ished education, recently arrived in this city, and, possessing the best references, wishes to find in a private family, a situation as a teacher of French, Spanish, Drawing and ornamental Painting. As his knowledge of the English is imperfect he would be satisfied at first, with a small contact of the correspondence of the co compensation. Apply at this office, by correspondence or otherwise. Jan. 23.

NTERESTING NEWS .-- We have just received a large assortment of BOOTS and SHOES for ladies', misses', and children's wear.

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The inquiry generally is, Where can we find a good assortment of shoes for children? We can answer all such querists to their satisfaction in hey give us a call.

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# Celegraphic.

Election in Detroit. DETROIT, March 6 -The returns show that Led ard, the Democratic candidate for Mayor, has re-

Tornado in Elmira, New York. ELMIRA, March 6 .- A regular West India white ELMRA, March 6.—A regular West India white squall swept over this place last night, and, in its course, prostrated almost every thing before it, houses, trees, chimneys, &c. The car-house of the Williamsport and Elmira railroad was blown down, destroying three engines, and much other property. Boxes, signs, &c., were scattered. McCoy's Hotel, near the depot, took fire during the night, resulting in considerable damage.

Alleged Swindle by a Custom-House Officer. NEW YORK, March 6 .- A custom-house officer

named Cassidy, has been arrested for making false entries in the pass book of the Irving Saving In

stitution, to the amount of about \$1,000

New York, March 6.—It is said that Baker, the ex-policeman, who led the murderous assault upon Bill Piole, at Stanwix Hall, has been discovered

Boston, March 5 .- In the United States circuit court to-day the case against Wendell Phillips, Theodore Parker, and others, for alleged particle

Mayor Wood Threatening to Resign. NEW YORK, March 5 .- Mayor Wood has writ-State on the subject of the police bill before the Legislature, giving notice that he will resign his office if the bill passes.

NORFOLK, March 5 .- The United States brig Bainbridge has put in here in distress, having on the 21st of February, in a gale, been much dis-abled. The storm was so furious that her guns had to be thrown overboard.

ATER YEARS, by the Author of " the Old House by the River."
Mr. Ruthenford's Children, second volume.
Pebbles from the Lake Shore, or Miscellaneous
oems, by Charles Leland Potter, A. M.

General Notions of Chemistry, translated from the French, by Edmund C. Evans, M. D. The Land of the Saracens, by Bayard Taylor Brushwood picked up on the Continent; or Last Summer's Trip to the Old World, by Orville lorwitz. Discovery of the Sources of the Mississippi

River, by Henry R. Schooleraft.

Dana's Minrealogy, 4th edition.

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THIS work comprises sketches of the principal Duels, from that between David and Goliah, the first on record, to the present day; and con-tains a full account of those of importance, in-cluding all of historical interest in the annuls of TO LATED TEA SETS.-I have just received some new styles Albata and Silver Plated Ware that I offer at manufacturer's prices :

aiso, a large assortment of Spectacles, of every description; together with a good assortment of pure Silver Ware, of my own manufacture, which I will retail at wholesale prices H. O. HOOD. 415 Penn. avenue, bet. 41 and 6th sts... Sign of the Large Spread Eagle. Feb 25—dlwif

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(News) Books of the House of Representatives. LIBRARY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LARGE number of books belonging to the A Library of the House of Representatives have been drawn by members and by their orders, and stand charged to their accounts on the books of this office. It is important for the preservation of the files that they should be returned before the

close of the session. MATTHIAS MARTIN, Librarian of the House of Representatives.

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Jan. 30—2aw3m\*

SHIRTS! SHIRTS!! SHIRTS!! W. H. FAULKNER, the only practical Shirt Maker in the city, would respectfully inform his old customers, members of Congress, and strangers, that by leaving their measures at his Shirt Manufactory they can have shirts made of the best material and warranted to fit in all cases— the reputation which these shirts have acquired in this city, induces the advertiser to invite those gentlemen who have been troubled with bad fitting

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P.S.—A good assortment of Furnishing Goods on hand, which will be sold cheap.

Nov. 30—eod1m [Union and Star.]

COTT'S WEEKLY PAPER .- The pub Sisher of this large and popular family journal offers for the coming year (1854) a combination or literary attractions heretofore unattemped by any of the Philadelphia weeklips. Among the new features will be a new and brilliant series of original romances by George Lippard, entitled Logends of the Last Century. All who have read Mr. Lippard's celebrated "Legends of the American Revolution," published for fafty-six consecutive weeks in the "Saturday Courier," will find these pictures of French and American history endowed with all the power and brilliancy of his previous productions. The first of a series of original novellettes. of French and American history endowed with all the power and brilliancy of his previous productions. The first of a series of original novelleties, called Morris Hartley, or the Knights of the Mystic Valley, by Harrison W. Ainsworth, is about to a commenced. It will be handsomely illustrated by twelve fine engravings, and its startling incidents cannot fail to elicit undivided praise. Emmerson Bennett, the distinguished novelist, and author of Viola, etc., etc., is also engaged to furnish a brilliant novellette to follow the above. Mrs. Mary Andrews Denison, author of Home Pictures, Patience Worthington and her Grandmother, etc., will continue a splendid domestic novellette, entitled the Old Ivy Grove, and H. C. Watson an illustrated story called the Two Edged Knife—a graphic picture of early life in Old Kentucky. To these will be added original contributions and selections from Mrs. Caroline Lee Hentz, Clara Clairville, Lille Lilberne, Mrs. Stowe, Grace Greenwood, and other distinguished writers; the news of the day, graphic editorials, full reports of the provision, money, and stock markets, letters from travelers at home and abroad, etc., etc.

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